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SUBJECT: PROPOSED OIL/GAS PIPELINE EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION/SEMINAR

USDOC FOR BEWT/TPD/UNKOVIC

REF: STATE 71915

1. ON BASIS FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF OIL AND GASS ENTERPRISES, COMMERCIAL OFFICE HAS CONCLUDED (ALBIET RELUCTANTLY) THAT WE SHOULD MOVE AHEAD WITH RECRUITMENT FOR SUBJECT EVENT WITHOUT: A) FIRM APPROVAL OF EVENT BY SOVIETS; OR B) GIVING SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT COMPANIES FROM LIST OF POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS.

2. IN RECRUITMENT PROCESS, COMMERCIAL OFFICE RECOMMENDS THAT INTERESTS OF MINISTRY REPORTED MOSCOW 733 BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. COMPANIES LISTED REFTEL ALSO APPEAR TO HAVE PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO SOVIETS. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SUGGESTION REFTEL THAT FIRMS WITH TECHNOLOGY/EQUIPMENT APPLICABLE TO ARCTIC CONDITIONS AND WIDE-DIAMETER PIPELINES BY GIVEN PREFERENCE. IF MAJOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SUCH AS BECHTEL OR BROWN&ROOT COULD BE INDUCED TO PARTICIPATE, THIS WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE.

3. TO ENCOURAGE STATE COMMITTEE SPONSORSHIP, WE NEED
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SOONEST LIST OF POSSIBLE SEMINAR PAPERS. WOULD

IT BE POSSIBLE FOR USDOC/BEWT TO OBTAIN PROPOSED TOPICS
FROM COMPANIES LISTED REFTL AND OTHER POTENTIAL PARTICI-
PANTS BEFORE FINAL DECISION REACHED ON COMPOSITION OF
EVENT? COMMERCIAL OFFICE HAS PROMISED STATE COMMITTEE
TO PRODUCE SOME SORT OF LIST, EVEN IF OF PRELIMINARY
NATURE, ON OR ABOUT APRIL 25 AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
MEET THIS DEADLINE.
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